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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the third display control unit is configured to first display in the selected display area a first set of photographed image data, and then to display at least one different successive set of photographed image data, while maintaining display control of the first and second display control units, thereby continuously displaying, in the selected display area, all of the photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area, wherein a number of the photographed image data in the first set and each successive set is limited to the predetermined number set by the second display control unit. In addition, independent claim 1 has been amended at line 13 to make a minor grammatical improvement.

Independent claims 32 and 33, moreover, have been amended in a similar manner to independent claim 1.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claims 1, 32 and 33 be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 13, 20, 21, 23, 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of previously cited US 2002/0033296 ("Rothmuller et al") and previously cited USP 7,325,198 ("Adcock et al"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

According to the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33, an image reproduction apparatus, method and computer readable medium (program) are provided which achieve continuous display, in a selected display area, of photographed image data of an image group assigned to the selected display area. Specifically, according to the present invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33, a first set of photographed image data is first displayed in the selected display area, and then at least one different successive set of photographed image data is displayed in the selected display area, thereby continuously displaying, in the selected display area, all of the photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area. And significantly, as recited in amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33, the number of the photographed image data in the first set and each successive set is limited to the predetermined number set by the second display control unit/step.

That is, the apparatus, method and computer readable medium (program) of the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33 enable viewing of a predetermined number of photographed images at-a-time within the selected display area, such that a first set of the predetermined number of photographed images are simultaneously displayed in the selected display area and then a second set of the predetermined number of photographed images are simultaneously displayed in the selected display area and so on.

For example, if the predetermined number is two and there are four photographed image data in total in the image group assigned to the selected display area, first two (i.e., the first and second) of the photographed image data of the assigned four image data can be simultaneously displayed in the selected display area, and then the display of the firstly displayed two of the photographed image data can be changed to the other two (i.e., the third and fourth) of the photographed image data.

Alternatively, for example, the first two (first and second) of the photographed image data of the assigned four image data can be simultaneously displayed in the selected display area, and then the simultaneous display of the first two (first and second) of the photographed image data can be changed to a simultaneous display of the second and third of the assigned four image data and so on, thereby continuously displaying, in the selected

display area, all of the photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area.

As a result, viewing of all of the photographed image data in the image group assigned to the selected display area can be achieved in a manner such that only the predetermined number of the photographed images are simultaneously displayed at-a-time within the selected display area.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Rothmuller et al does not disclose the features of the third display control unit of the present invention as (previously) recited in claim 1. For this reason, on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner has cited Adcock et al. In particular, the Examiner points to the disclosure at column 3, line 54 to column 4, line 4, Figs. 13-14 and 17-18, and column 7, lines 10-60 and column 8, line 59 to column 9, line 67 of Adcock et al.

It is respectfully pointed out, however, that Adcock et al merely discloses displaying either all of the graphical objects for each date or only a single graphical object for each date in various calendar views. See, for example, Fig. 2 of Adcock et al which displays all of the graphical objects for each date in a monthly calendar view, and Fig. 3 of Adcock et al which displays only a single graphical object for each date.

Adcock et al, however, does not disclose or suggest simultaneously displaying a first set of photographed image data

in a selected display area, and then displaying at least one different successive set of photographed image data in the selected display area, thereby continuously displaying, in the selected display area, all of the photographed image data of the image group assigned to the selected display area, wherein the number of the photographed image data in the first set and each successive set is limited to a predetermined number, as according to the present invention as recited in clarified amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that even if the teachings of Rothmuller et al and Adcock et al were combinable in the manner suggested by the Examiner, the structure and method of the present invention as recited in each of clarified amended independent claims 1, 32 and 33 would still not be achieved or rendered obvious.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted all of the pending claims patentably distinguish over all of the cited references of record, taken singly or in any combination consistent with the respective fair teachings thereof, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

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